

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of Application

Claims 1-48 are pending in this application, with claims 13-48 being withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention. The Examiner has restricted the claims into Groups I, II, III, IV, and V as follows:

- I. Claims 1-12 are drawn to subject matter pertaining to authenticating a client for receiving data, classified in class 726, subclass 29.
- II. Claims 13-20 are drawn to subject matter pertaining to use of a proxy server as an intermediary internetworking device, classified in class 726, subclass 12.
- III. Claims 21-26 are drawn toward subject matter pertaining to stored data protection, classified in class 713, subclass 193.
- IV. Claims 27-44 are drawn toward subject matter pertaining to packet headers designating cryptographically protected data, class 713, subclass 160.
- V. Claims 45-48 are drawn toward subject matter pertaining to usage of master or key encryption keys, classified in class 380, subclass 281.

Election in Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants elect without traverse Group I consisting of claims 1-12. The remaining claims are not being canceled at this time.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe this application is ready for substantive examination, and an Office Action on the merits at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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